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# Red Sleigh Toy Run in Tucson

December 7, 2019 marked the 12th annual Red Sleigh Toy Run in Tucson. The RSTR is an all-volunteer organization that works all year to bring Christmas to Tucson Children who've been identified with the help of local Schools & Resource Officers as being 'in need'. Toys and other essentials for the children & their families are delivered right to their door, on motorcycles. My thanks to RSTR Secretary Stephanie Fletcher for her help with this article.

People had the opportunity to drop off toys & other donations ahead of time at This n' That Creative Studio at 7401 E. 22nd St. or S and S Motorsports at 4158 E. Grant Rd.

Stephanie described the ride. "This year we started out from the parking lot at First Southern Baptist Church on Speedway Blvd. There were 128 bikes with about 150 people participating. We were able to have a nice long ride across town before beginning our stops in the 29th/Columbus area. There were 12 stops to deliver toys. It is an escorted ride that allows us to travel safely to each stop.

"We 'adopted' 14 families but ended up helping 20 total. When we roll into a neighborhood to deliver to a family, we also have unwrapped toys and bikes that we hand out to the neighborhood children that show up. We make a lot of noise with that many bikes, so it draws people out to see what's going on."

This year's Red Sleigh Toy Run benefited over 2500 Children, "including ALL of Roberts-Naylor K-8 School so approximately \$10,000.00 worth of Toys/bicycles and food gift cards."

The ride fee included lunch. Once all the deliveries were complete, everyone headed to the last stop at Chuy's Mesquite Broiler at 7101 E. 22nd/Kolb. There were also raffle prizes & a 50/50. "The 50/50 raffle was donated to one of our Board members that is going through a medical emergency."

This is a Community Collaboration, and thanks go out to the Red Sleigh Toy Run sponsors including: "Arizona Dept of Corrections Tucson Complex {They are our major supporters}, All that Vending, S and S Motorsports, Arizona Awards and Engraving, American Legion, Saguaro Desert Landscaping, This n' That Creative Studio, We Rock Photography, Andrada Polytechnic High School Welding and Auto Shop, Southwest Rangers, plus dozens more...."

On behalf of the Red Sleigh Toy Run, Stephanie shared, "We work hard to identify the Schools and students that need our help. We believe that it is our responsibility to take care of those less fortunate than we. We work all year to make this one day a life changing day for families that might not have any hope at Christmas time. The gift we give can change a life, and we have seen and heard it happen more than once. Everyone thinks that the problems of our City/ State/ Country can't be change, but I tell you, that if you make the difference in one person's life it has a chain reaction effect. We are the Change we want to see here in Tucson."

Learn more about the Red Sleigh Toy Run by visiting them online at <https://www.redsleightoyrun.com/> and on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/redsleightoy/>

Thank you Stephanie & RSTR for the opportunity to share your day with our readers!

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### Editors Column

Hello AriZona Riders!

On the cover... We caught this photo during the Ride for the Salt River Wild Horses. It was a perfect day that we will share news of in an upcoming issue.



For some, it is time to start thinking about Bike Week plans. For others, those plans have been in the works for months. If you and/or your organization have been busting butt to set up a ride or party... you want people to KNOW about it! You know what you need to do. Post your event details online at <https://tinyurl.com/y8fzuvky> We want everyone to have as much information and as many options as possible when it comes to enjoying the spring riding season in AriZona.


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### ALL MOTORCYCLE RIDERS URGED TO SUPPORT FEDERAL ANTI-PROFILING MEASURE

The National Coalition of Motorcyclists (NCOM) and the Confederations of Clubs is calling on all motorcyclists nationwide, from patch holders to independents, to contact their Congressional Representatives to ask for their support of House Resolution 255, a bipartisan anti-profiling measure being considered in the U.S. House of Representatives that is identical to Senate Resolution 154 passed by unanimous consent in the U.S.

Senate on December 11, 2018.

H.Res.255; "Promoting awareness of motorcycle profiling and encouraging collaboration and communication with the motorcycle community and law enforcement officials to prevent instances of profiling," was introduced early in the 1st Session of the 116th Congress (2019-2020), on March 26, 2019 by Rep. Tim Walberg (R-MI), and currently has over 125 bipartisan co-sponsors.

As defined by both nonbinding Congressional resolutions, S.Res.154 & H.Res.255, "motorcycle profiling" means "the illegal use of the fact that a person rides a motorcycle or wears motorcycle related apparel as a factor in deciding to stop and question, take enforcement action, arrest, or search a person or vehicle with or without legal basis under the Constitution of the United States."

Concerned riders can contact their U.S. Rep. by calling the Capital Switchboard at (202) 224-3121 and request that they join their colleagues in cosponsoring H.Res.255 to help thwart law enforcement from unfairly targeting motorcycle riders for traffic stops, questioning and citations.

### RPM ACT TO PROTECT RACING HAS BEEN REINTRODUCED IN CONGRESS

Legislation to protect the right to convert street vehicles into dedicated racecars -- known as the RPM Act -- is "well positioned" to become law in 2020 now that new versions of the bill have been introduced in Congress, according to the Specialty Equipment Market Association (SEMA), an industry trade association representing the specialty automotive industry.

U.S. Representatives Patrick McHenry (R-NC), and Raul Ruiz (D-CA), along with 30 bipartisan co-sponsors, introduced H.R. 5434, the Recognizing the Protection of Motorsports Act of 2019 on December 16, 2019, complementing the Senate's version of the bill, S.2602, introduced October 18, 2019 by Senators Richard Burr (R-NC) and Joe Manchin (D-WV).

The RPM Act, if passed, would reverse the Environmental Protection Agency's 2015 interpretation of the Clean Air Act that it does not allow a motor vehicle designed for street use -- including a car, truck, or motorcycle -- to be converted

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into a dedicated racecar. The bill also would protect the motorsports-parts industry's ability to sell performance products.

The legislation cleared several major legislative hurdles in the previous Congress, including passage by the U.S. House Energy and Commerce Committee and hearings in the House and Senate.

The practice of converting street cars into competition vehicles went unquestioned for nearly 50 years until 2015, when the EPA took the position that converted vehicles must remain emissions-compliant, even though they are no longer driven on public streets or highways.

Motorsports competition involves tens of thousands of participants and vehicle owners each year, says SEMA, with most of the vehicles being raced on the estimated 1,300 racetracks operating across the U.S. are converted vehicles that the EPA currently considers to be illegal.

## CONGRESS EXTENDS TAX CREDITS FOR ELECTRIC MOTORCYCLES

The U.S. spending bill recently agreed to on December 17, 2019 includes extension of tax credits for home EV charger installations, electric motorcycles, and fuel-cell vehicles. These credits were previously extended through the end of 2017, though that time the extension was retroactive, as taxpayers didn't know about the incentive during the incentive period. Now, those credits have been extended retroactively again by Congress -- covering the last two years, since 2017 -- and have been extended forward to the end of this year.

Due to an amendment made to the year-end spending bill, taxpayers will once again qualify for a 30% rebate (up to \$1,000) on costs associated with the installation of an EV charging station, a 10% credit (up to \$2,500) on 2- or 3-wheeled electric vehicles such as electric motorcycles, and a \$4,000 credit for the purchase of a new fuel-cell vehicle.

These credits previously expired at the end of 2017, but will now be available through 2020. The credits are available retroactively so, presumably, this means that taxpayers can and should file amended returns for previous years.

## HELMET REPEAL EFFORTS ACROSS THE COUNTRY

Since 1966, when Georgia became the first State to require helmet use by law, America has gone through periods of nearly 100% conformity with every state except California passing mandatory helmet laws, through two federal helmet law mandates, both since repealed, to today with only 19 states and the District of Columbia requiring helmets for all riders.

Now, with state legislatures back in session entering the new year, several of those states are hoping to be the next to nix their lid law, following most recently Arkansas (1997), Texas (1997), Kentucky (1998), Florida (2000), Pennsylvania (2003) and Michigan (2012). Louisiana weakened its motorcycle helmet use law in 1999, but re-enacted it in 2004.

Already this year, West Virginia has introduced bicameral legislation on January 10th, HB 2070 in the House and SB 153 in the Senate, that would allow you to operate or be a passenger on a motorcycle without a helmet, provided the rider is 21 or older and has held a motorcycle license for at least two years. In addition,

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SB 154 would allow certain out-of-state residents ride a motorcycle in West Virginia without helmet.

Missouri, which last session passed a helmet repeal through both houses of their legislature, only to see it vetoed, once again, by their governor, has introduced another bill on January 9th to exempt persons 18 or older with a valid motorcycle license from wearing protective headgear while riding a motorcycle or motortricycle.

In New York, A6895, introduced January 8th, provides that motorcyclists over the age of 21 shall be exempt from the requirement to wear a helmet when operating or riding a motorcycle, while A3004 “requires motorcycle users to wear helmets that meet the federal motor vehicle safety standards and which have been impact-tested by the U.S. department of transportation, the commissioner of motor vehicles or by an independent laboratory approved by the commissioner of motor vehicles.”

Meanwhile, companion bills A214/S320 authorizes the commissioner of transportation to conduct a comprehensive study of the efficacy of motorcycle helmets.

Vermont’s legislature is considering S203, an act relating to motorcycle helmets, which “proposes to amend the

motorcycle helmet law to only apply to motorcycle operators and riders under 21 years of age and creates an exemption from the motorcycle helmet requirement for those operators and riders who are participating in a parade.”

The number of registered motorcycles in the U.S. is near historic highs, with more than 8.4 million registered motorcycles as of 2014, according to the U.S. DOT’s Bureau of Transportation Statistics. This is up from 4.3 million in 2000, nearly doubling over the past two decades.

### NEW DRIVER ACCOUNTABILITY LAW IN OREGON

Effective January 1, 2020, it is now a CRIME for a (grossly) negligent driver to injure a motorcyclist or their passenger. It also requires careless drivers who injure riders or passengers to attend safety school and perform 100-200 hours of community service including driver training and traffic safety.

“I am proud to have written this bill and presented testimony to the Oregon Legislature,” says Oregon Aid to Injured Motorcyclists (AIM) attorney Christopher A. Slater, who also serves as legal advisor to the Oregon Confederation of Clubs (COC) and ABATE of Oregon. “Hopefully this new law will help driv-

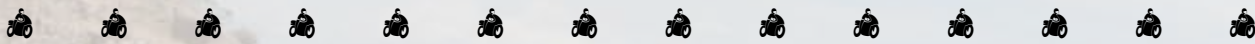
ers to look for motorcycles and reduce rider injuries.”

### WASHINGTON STATE ENDEAVORS TO MAKE ROADS SAFER

The state of Washington passed some important motorcycle-related legislation that went into effect as of January 1, 2020 in an effort to increase motorcycle safety by making motorcycle endorsement testing more rigorous, and also increased penalties if you’re caught riding without a license.

Previously, the cost of getting caught without a motorcycle license was lower than the cost of actually taking motorcycle training classes, but as of 2020, it’ll now cost you less to obtain the proper training than it will to get caught riding without a license. The full penalty for riding without a license will now cost \$386, with all fees considered.

Part of this has to do with Washington state’s Target Zero highway safety plan, which aims to get serious injuries and fatalities on state roadways down to zero by 2030. An ambitious plan, to be sure, but one key point regarding motorcyclists is the state’s intention to make the permitting and endorsement process for motorcyclists be a more meaningful evaluation of their skills and also making endorsement testing more difficult



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### MOTORCYCLE MARKET TRENDS

As another year comes to a close, it is a great time to reflect on what has been generally a successful year for the Powersports industry, according to Jeremy Jensen, president of the Motorsports Group at Wells Fargo CDF, who reports some consistency from previous years, unexpected strengths, and a few areas of opportunity for next year:

**UTVs --** Retail of side-by-sides saw a nice rebound in the second half of the year, some of which was weather driven, and the segment continues to grow in the mid-single digits per year.

**ATVs --** Sales of ATVs have been consistently solid throughout the year, and expected to be up by low single digits by the end of 2019, with much of the growth coming in the 400-600cc sector. Given typical cannibalization of ATV by the UTV sector, this is a promising result year over year.

**Motorcycles --** Overall, motorcycle retail sales are very similar with 2018 levels, however, different product groups are driving strength and weakness. Sport bikes, which was a successful sector last year (specifically <500cc), has fallen

back. Off-road bikes, however, will be up by double digits percentage with dual sport models also posting growth this year. Heavyweight motorcycles remain a key industry challenge as the industry continues to adjust to the preferences of the millennial generation.

Product innovation continues to be strong with technical advancements, new models, and improved performance and comfort. Whether it's being able to connect your phone, a more advanced GPS system, or an improved suspension, vendors are leveraging technology and looking for ways to enhance the rider experience.

From a dealer standpoint, a great area of opportunity is continuing to focus on building the local rider community. Organize events, let people feel and experience the products, introduce diversified groups of people to powersports, and continue to leverage social media as a way to reach new audiences.

Manufacturers have their own unique approach. They're shifting to smaller displacement vehicles at lower price points and an increased focus on bringing new technological elements to the vehicles. This allows riders of all backgrounds and experience levels to have access to

the industry and feel connected to the broader community. "In the end," Jensen advises, "we're trying to encourage a lifestyle, not just a product."

### HONDA PATENTS VERTICAL AIRBAG FOR MOTORCYCLES

The idea of fitting an airbag to the front of a motorcycle has been around for almost as long as the airbag itself, and Honda pioneered the technology on its Gold Wing over a decade ago, but for the system they recently patented, the airbag launches vertically in front of the rider instead of mounting atop the center console.

The main problem for motorcycle designers wanting to incorporate one on a bike is packaging. While cars have plenty of space within the dashboard, side pillars and seats to stash the airbag and its inflation hardware, motorcycles are almost always devoid of such space. The new system that Honda has just registered shows a small, airbag system that is compact enough that it can be mounted within the front-end bodywork of a small motorcycle or even a scooter.

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## REAUTHORIZE MOTORCYCLIST ADVISORY COUNCIL

“Motorcycles require specific-and in some cases different-requirements of roads, and we need an open dialogue between the motorcycle community, infrastructure experts, and the federal government to discuss these challenges,” said U.S. Rep. Mike Gallagher (R-WI) upon sponsoring the bipartisan Motorcycle Advisory Council Reauthorization Act, H.R. 5234.

Rep. Gallagher, alongside Reps. Chris Pappas (D-NH), Troy Balderson (R-OH), and Harley Rouda (D-CA), introduced H.R. 5234 in the U.S. House of Representatives on November 21, 2019 to direct the U.S. Secretary of Transportation to reauthorize the Motorcyclist Advisory Council (MAC) at the U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT) for six years. The MAC, whose authorization under the FAST Act of 2015 expires along with surface transportation programs in FY2021, provides DOT with critical firsthand knowledge on infrastructure and road safety measures and serves as the only official forum for motorcyclists to discuss motorcycle issues with the federal government.

H.R. 5234, if enacted, would require

the volunteer body to submit reports to DOT every two years. DOT then would have 60 days to review the council’s recommendations and submit a report to Congress.

The measure would also clarify the membership of MAC “to include 12 members, including 5 highway engineering experts from state or local governments, 1 state or local traffic safety engineer who is a motorcyclist, one roadway safety data expert on crash testing and analysis, and 1 representative from each of the following groups: a national association of State transportation officials, a national motorcyclist foundation, a national motorcyclist association, a national motorcycle manufacturing association, and a national safety organization.”

## CONGRESS CONSIDERS CAPPING ETHANOL CONTENT OF U.S. FUEL SUPPLY

U.S. Senator Tom Udall (D-NM) and U.S. Representative Peter Welch (D-VT) introduced companion bills in the U.S. Senate and U.S. House of Representatives on November 14, 2019 “to reform the Renewable Fuel Standard (RFS) by mitigating harmful environmental impacts of the corn ethanol mandate and

advancing the next generation of biofuels that actually reduce greenhouse gas emissions,” according to a press release issued by Sen. Udall’s office.

The GREENER Fuels Act (Growing Renewable Energy through Existing and New Environmentally Responsible Fuels Act) would phase out the corn ethanol mandate and immediately reduce the amount of ethanol in fuel by as much as 1 billion gallons by capping the amount of ethanol that can be blended into conventional gasoline at 9.7 percent.

Such legislation is important to motorcycle riders, in particular, because none of the nation’s 22 million motorcycles and ATVs are certified by the EPA to operate on gasoline that contains more than 10% ethanol (E10), and using fuel containing greater than 10% ethanol can damage fuel systems and violate manufacturers’ warranties.

## MOTORCYCLING GOOD FOR MIND AND BODY

In a fresh take on a previous UCLA study we reported on earlier this year, visordown.com reports that “A study conducted by the Institute of Neuroscience and Human Behavior (INHB) has

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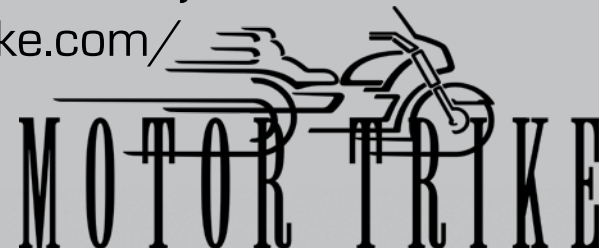
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concluded that motorcyclists are less stressed and more fulfilled than their four-wheeled counterparts,” adding that “The study originally set about trying to find out if bikers were constantly riding in fear of being involved in an accident, but inadvertently proved the opposite! The results center around a certain hormone called cortisol that is released in the brain when we become anxious. Scientists found that bikers would produce 28% less cortisol during testing than drivers on the same course.”

The study was conducted by the Semel Institute for Neuroscience and Human Behavior at the University of California, Los Angeles, in a controlled manner, with 50 motorcyclists and 50 car drivers making their way around a closed course for 20-minutes. During this time, the team measured the user’s heart rate, cortisol, and adrenaline levels, as well as the user’s brain activity, and it’s here where the most interesting results came from:

“The results found that when riding, the subjects experienced increased sensory focus and resilience to distraction. Riding also produced an increase in adrenaline levels and heart rate, and a decrease in cortisol levels -- the kind of

results you often get after a light exercise session, which also is a stress reducer.”

Concluding that motorcycles are better for you physically, as well as mentally, visordown.com claims; “The news regarding the mental well-being of motorcyclists goes hand-in-hand with a study that found that riding a motorcycle can burn anywhere between 170-600 calories an hour. As much as some people can burn in an hour at the gym.”

### NEW YORK POTHOLE MEASURE VETOED

Despite passing both chambers of the New York State legislature, including a unanimous 62-0 vote in the state Senate, Governor Andrew Cuomo (D) has vetoed a measure that would have provided strong incentives for more prompt repairs of road defects by expanding the state’s liability for damages suffered by road users due to roadway defects, if the state Department of Transportation was notified of the defect and failed to repair it.

Under current law, motorists who suffer damage due to defects on local roads may pursue damages against the locality at any time during the year so long as the municipality had advance notice of

the defect, but those who suffer damages due to defects in state roads may pursue these damages against the state only if the incident occurred between May 15 and November 15. A.1235, sponsored by Assemblyman Thomas J. Abinanti (D-Westchester County), and S.5422, sponsored by state Sen. Timothy M. Kennedy (D-Buffalo), would have expanded state liability for potholes on state highways year-round.

Potholes and roadway defects can not only be dangerous to drivers but can prove deadly for motorcyclists, but Gov. Cuomo, who rides and has promoted state tourism aboard his Harley-Davidson, vetoed the legislation on November 25, 2019. Similar measures, endorsed by the Automobile Association of America and the state Trial Lawyers Association, were proposed in 2014, 2015-16 and 2017-18, but never made it out of committee.

### ANOTHER STATE INSTITUTES THREE-WHEEL “AUTOCYCLE” RECLASSIFICATION

A new “Autocycle” classification will allow consumers to operate a Polaris Slingshot with a standard driver’s

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license in the state of Wisconsin. Residents of Wisconsin can now operate the three-wheeled Slingshot with a standard driver's license, rather than the previously required motorcycle license or endorsement. The reclassification will take effect immediately.

With a steering wheel and side-by-side seating, state policymakers recognize Slingshot's operator skills mirror those required for a valid state driver's license rather than a motorcycle license and as such, the need for the unique Autocycle classification.

The Slingshot is now classified as an Autocycle in 44 states, including all states bordering Wisconsin. Three states classify the Slingshot as a motorcycle, which requires a motorcycle endorsement or license; Alaska, Massachusetts and New York.

### MINNESOTA CITY SEEKS PUBLIC INPUT TO RIDE AN ATV ON CITY STREETS

The Superior, Minnesota city council is considering a referendum on ATV use, and is seeking public input to determine whether or not it should be legal for ATVs and side-by-sides in the city.

According to a report on Superior-

Telegram.com, a council member has "introduced a resolution that would place an advisory referendum on the April 7, 2020 ballot to gauge public sentiment for allowing ATVs and UTVs to use any city street except those deemed exempt because of state and local laws or safety concerns," and may let voters decide if all city streets and alleys could be open to use by all-terrain and utility-task vehicles.

The Superior City Council wouldn't be bound to act based on the outcome of the election, but if the measure is well-supported by the public, the councilman would introduce an ordinance to that effect.

### NEW HAMPSHIRE RESISTS EXIT RENUMBERING

United States highways have been switching to one consistent exit numbering system over the years, and in most states exits now share their number with their closest mile marker, making it simpler for travelers to locate their position and estimate distances between where they are and where they're going.

A few northeastern states have been slow to switch, however, and New Hampshire Governor Chris Sununu (R)

believes that holding onto the old sequential exit numbers for the sake of tradition is more important than progress and consistency.

But the renumbering decision isn't entirely up to the individual states, as the federal government has threatened to withhold federal highway funding from states that do not comply with the directive to reassign exit numbers by mileage.

On Twitter, Governor Sununu said, "Exit numbers are a point of pride for some of us in NH -- and we shouldn't let Washington bureaucrats threaten to take that away!"

Numbering exits by mileage is what the rest of the country does, and those few remaining states holding out should probably do the same for consistency for travelers everywhere, though admittedly, this has become less of an issue now that most vehicles, even motorcycles, have GPS capability and can make better decisions based on better information.

### TASMANIA BANS THE WEARING OF "OUTLAW MOTORCYCLE GANG" INSIGNIAS

Laws banning the wearing of insignias of five "Outlaw Motorcycle Gangs

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(OMCG)” has gone into force in Tasmania (an island state of Australia), and their majority Liberal Government “makes no apologies for being tough on criminals and is delivering on our strong plan to keep Tasmania safer from organized crime.”

The legislation “applies to an organization that displays prohibited insignias that causes the public to feel intimidated and threatened,” and their new laws relate to five OMCGs -- Bandidos, Outlaws, Devils Henchmen, Black Uhlans and Rebels, which officials say “sends a clear message that crime gangs are not welcome in Tasmania.”

### ROYALS POSE ON A MOTORCYCLE FOR THEIR CHRISTMAS CARD

The Duke and Duchess of Cambridge, Kate Middleton and Prince William, along with their three children, Prince George, Prince Louis and Princess Charlotte, casually posed on a motorcycle for their 2019 Christmas card, in stark contrast to last year’s more traditional family photo!

The Cambridge Household’s Holiday card features all five aboard a British-brand motorbike with a sidecar and the salutation; “Wishing you a very Happy Christmas and New Year”. Prince William, a longtime motorcycle

aficionado, is second in line to the throne behind his father Prince Charles.

### SAVE THE DATE - 2020 NCOM CONVENTION IN CIRCLE CITY

Mark your calendar for May 8-10, 2020 and plan on joining hundreds of fellow bikers’ rights activists at the 35th annual NCOM Convention in Indianapolis, Indiana, over Mother’s Day weekend. The first race ever held at the Circle City’s world-famous “Brickyard” was with motorcycles, and over a century later we’re still in it to win!

Today’s finest Freedom Fighters will enlighten attendees about the intricacies of the legislative process, lobbying techniques, organizational efforts, leadership principles, and share political insights to retain and regain Freedom of the Road.

Agenda items will cover legal and legislative issues of concern to all riders, with Special Meetings for Veterans Affairs, Women in Motorcycling, Clean & Sober Roundtable and World of Sport Bikes, as well as the Christian Unity Conference and Confederation of Clubs Patch Holders Meeting.

The 2020 NCOM Convention will be held at the Marriott Indianapolis East (7202 East 21st Street) and all motorcyclists are welcome to attend and participate in the many meetings, seminars and group discussions.

Reserve your hotel room now for the special NCOM rate of \$129 by calling (317) 352-9775. Registration fees for the NCOM Convention are \$85 including the Silver Spoke Awards Banquet on Saturday night, or \$50 for the Convention only. For more information, or to pre-register, call the National Coalition of Motorcyclists at (800) 525-5355 or visit [www.ON-A-BIKE.com](http://www.ON-A-BIKE.com).

### QUOTABLE QUOTES:


"The future will soon be a thing of the past."

~ George Carlin (1937-2008) comedian and social critic

"History doesn't repeat itself, but it often rhymes."

~ [attributed to] Samuel Clemens (a.k.a. Mark Twain) 1835-1910, American writer, humorist

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### AriZona's Senior Citizens NEED your help!

*Have YOU signed the Senior Citizens Property Tax Relief Act PETITION?*

Volunteers statewide are collecting signatures to qualify the Senior Citizens Property Tax Relief Act [aka the American Dream Act of Arizona] for Arizona's November 2020 General Election ballot.

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Arizona has made ALL home ownership subject to property taxes, and gives the County an *automatic lien* on your property!

Seniors can lose their homes to property tax liens even if they own that house 'free & clear'! Property taxes can be especially difficult for seniors on a fixed income.

The AZ legislators have repeatedly demonstrated that *no* assistance is coming from the Copper Dome on this issue.

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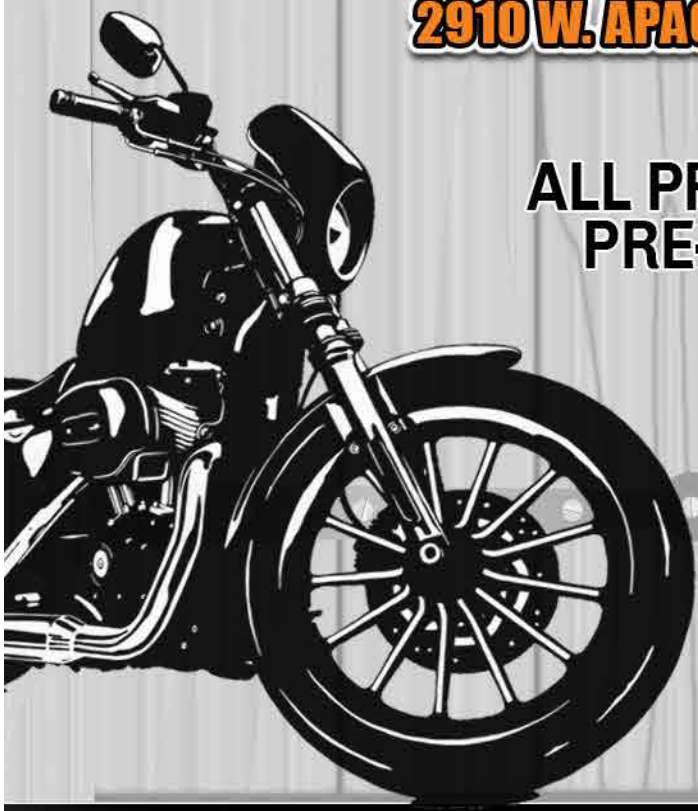
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# Recounting the Worst Motorcycle Wreck in AZ History



*Fifth in a series of installments*  
by survivor Ernie Lizarraga

*Michael Jakscht has been charged ... booked on four counts of Manslaughter, five counts of Aggravated Assault, and seven counts of Endangerment.*

*Ernie is in the hospital, alive but unconscious.*

May 8, 2010 ... Ernie & Lorri's 28th Wedding Anniversary. Ernie gives her the best present he could. He woke up.

"May 8, I open my eyes and right away notice a tube going down my throat and I'm laying in a bed. I try to reach up with my dominate right hand but I can't because it's in a cast, so I pull it out with my left hand and start yelling Lorri's name. A nurse named Frank comes running in and calms me down. Luckily Lorri had been staying in a room down the hall so Frank notifies her. She comes running in and after much hugging she tells me what happened. Then I find out Dayle, Clyde, Steve, and Dan are deceased."

"After 2 very boring months I'm released from the hospital. I'm confined to a wheelchair and need to be pushed because I have no use of my right arm but I'm happy to be going home.

"When I got home I find out firefighters had organized a motorcycle ride back on May 2 called 'Ernie Palooza'. There were 100's of motorcycles, custom T-shirts, and live news coverage. The ride started from my Fire Station 54 at 99th Avenue & Campbell. The ride went up north to Carefree Hwy, east to Cave Creek Road, north thru the town of Cave Creek, and south down Tom Darlington Drive which turns into Scottsdale Road. Then the ride headed south to Desert Ridge Mall to a restaurant called 'The Notorious P.I.G.'. There was a band. Items were donated & auctioned plus proceeds of food sales went to my hospital bills."

*Quoted from Lisa Wengert Siqueiros on Facebook, May 5, 2010 ... "What an incredible turnout at Ernie Palooza on Sunday! Thank you to everyone who participated & contributed to make it such a success! 500-700 bikes, 1000 riders, 1000 pancakes served, over 800 BBQ dinners, and \$40,000.00 raised!!!"*

Ernie continues... "I'm out of the hospital for about two weeks when I hear noise outside the house. I look outside and see a dump truck dumping off a few tons of gravel on my front drive. There are about 20 cars parked bumper to bumper in front of my house and people are pushing wheel barrels and carrying shovels. My wife & I go outside and find out firefighters from Fire Departments all over the Valley had come to my house to do yard work & spread gravel on my front and back yards. They spend all day. They even drive my fire truck E54 which is about 14 miles away to be parked in front of my house. I just about cried. They reminded me that firefighters are all part of a big family.

"In July, my insurance pays for me to go to the 'Center for Transitional Neuro-Rehabilitation' or CTN, located right across the street from St. Joe's Hospital.

"In February 2011, I was released from CTN and talked with the Fire Department Chief on what I could do. There wasn't really a lot but I could work with the supply clerk and help out in the gym with the recruits since I was a fitness trainer before my accident; but at least I was around firefighters.

"I still couldn't drive because my driver's license had been revoked by the state because of my

brain injury. I started going to a driving school. After the first day they told me I needed to have hand controls installed on my car that were very expensive. The driving school failed to say anything about me not being able to use my right arm, so we went to another school located in Tempe. After working with them I received a driver's license. I felt like a 16-year old getting his license for the first time."

*As shared by Ernie Lizarraga, in memory of dear friends gone but never forgotten.*

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To be continued next month in the  
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*Betsy & Bruce*

This year marks 10 years since this life-changing wreck that affected so many people. Ernie will be at the memorial site on March 25th but also realizes that people who would like to pay respects are more likely to be able to on a weekend. So, Ernie is going to Finish the Ride for his friends, Dayle, Steve, Clyde and Dan, on **Saturday March 21**. Kickstands up same time as 10 years ago, at 10:40a from the QT gas station on the northeast corner of Union Hills & Cave Creek Roads.

Ernie detailed the route. "The Ride will go north on Cave Creek Road to Carefree Hwy, west on Carefree Hwy to 7th Street, then north to New River Road and the Roadrunner Restaurant for lunch 'til 12:30. After lunch the ride will go west down New River Road to Carefree Hwy then east on Carefree Hwy to 27th Drive for a stop at the memorial site. The first 911 call came in at 13:00. Stop & give respects; then finish the ride for our brothers and sister to Bartlett Lake by riding east on Carefree to Tom Darlington Road, north to Cave Creek Hwy, east to Bartlett Lake Road." All are welcome to join in for this Remembrance.



Share your news within AZ's Biker Community. Announce a birth or marriage, or your GI just got home or is being deployed. Extend congratulations or condolences. You get the idea. We look forward to hearing from you.

And so, for now ~

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#### **Gone But Not Forgotten**

Dennis Wirth

~ February 18, 2001

Caleb Jeremiah Pulver

~ February 25, 2002

Carl 'Sasquatch' Ausdemore

~ February 15, 2004

"Fat George" Hutchison

~ February 14, 2006

Tommy Tennyson

~ February 24, 2011

Frederick "Scooby" Willis Jr

~ February 24, 2017

Pat Rohn ~ February 28, 2017

Randy 'Bugz' Zimmerman

~ February 1, 2018

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Len Lohse ~ February 14, 2019

Elfriede 'Rose' Confer

~ February 18, 2019

Jodi Black ~ February 24, 2019

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November 22, 2019 ... Recall ~

NHTSA Campaign #: 19V843000

Unintended Activation of One Rear Brake

Potential # Units Affected 12,624  
Summary: Harley-Davidson Motor Company (Harley-Davidson) is recalling certain 2019-2020 FLHT-CUTG, and FLRT Trike motorcycles. The Trike Traction Control System software may respond incorrectly to a faulty rear wheel speed signal by activating one of the rear brakes.

Unintended activation of one rear brake could lead to an unexpected change in vehicle direction which may increase the risk of a crash.

Remedy: Harley-Davidson has notified owners, and dealers will update the traction control system software, free of charge. The recall began December 2, 2019. Owners may contact Harley-Davidson customer service at 1-800-258-2464. Harley-Davidson's number for this recall is 0175.

Notes: For this and ALL the Recalls posted here, owners may also contact the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration Vehicle Safety Hotline at 1-888-327-4236 (TTY 1-800-424-9153), or go to [www.safercar.gov](http://www.safercar.gov).

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December 11, 2019 ... Recall ~

NHTSA Campaign #: 19V882000

10A Circuit Breaker Can Trip Causing Stall

Potential # Units Affected 5,474  
Summary: Indian Motorcycle Company (Indian) is recalling certain 2019 Chieftain, Vintage, Roadmaster, Dark Horse, Springfield, and FTR1200 motorcycles. A 10A circuit breaker may be defective, tripping unexpectedly and causing a sudden loss of power and an engine stall.

An engine stall increases the risk of a crash.

Remedy: Indian will notify owners and provide a new 10A circuit breaker and installation instructions. Owners may choose to have the part installed at a dealership, free of charge. The recall is expected to begin January 2020. Owners may contact Indian customer service at 1-877-204-3697. Indian's number for this recall is I-19-05.

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December 11, 2019 ... Recall ~

NHTSA Campaign #: 19V881000

10A Circuit Breaker Can Trip Causing Stall

Potential #Units Affected 1,913  
Summary: Polaris Industries, Inc. (Polaris) is recalling certain 2019 Slingshot, Slingshot SL, Slingshot SLR, and Slingshot GT motorcycles. A 10A circuit breaker may be defective, tripping unexpectedly and causing a

sudden loss of power and an engine stall.

An engine stall increases the risk of a crash.

Remedy: Polaris will notify owners and provide a new 10A circuit breaker and installation instructions. Owners may choose to have the part installed at a dealership, free of charge. The recall is expected to begin January 2020. Owners may contact Polaris customer service at 1-855-863-2284. Polaris' number for this recall is T-19-02.

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January 15, 2020 ... Recall ~

NHTSA Campaign #: 20V015000

Side Stand Spring May Fracture

Potential # Units Affected 3,244  
Summary: Triumph Motorcycles America, LTD (Triumph) is recalling certain 2016-2018 Thruxton, 2016-2019 Thruxton R and 2020 Thruxton TFC motorcycles. The side stand spring may fracture, possibly allowing the side stand switch to activate and shut off the engine.

An engine stall increases the risk of a crash.

Remedy: Triumph will notify owners, and dealers will replace the side stand spring, free of charge. The recall is expected to begin February 10, 2020. Owners may contact Triumph customer service at 1-678-854-2010. Triumph's number for this recall is SRAN 570.

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January 15, 2020 ... Recall ~

NHTSA Campaign #: 20V014000

Loss of Ability to Shift Gears

Potential # Units Affected 1,304  
Summary: Triumph Motorcycles America, LTD (Triumph) is recalling certain 2019-2020 Speed Twin motorcycles. The gear shift lever linkage may separate from shifter ball joint, resulting in an inability to change gears.

A loss of ability to change gears may increase the risk of a crash.

Remedy: Triumph will notify owners, and dealers will secure the attachment with a different thread locking compound, free of charge. The recall began January 27, 2020. Owners may contact Triumph customer service at 1-678-854-2010. Triumph's number for this recall is SRAN 569.

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# Birds of Prey Benefit at Superstition HD

People had another opportunity to observe birds of prey up close when Superstition Harley-Davidson, located at 2910 W Apache Trail in Apache Junction AZ, hosted a benefit for The Arizona Raptor Center on Saturday October 12, 2019. The ARC mission is to promote wildlife conservation and environmental awareness.

This is not the first time that birds from the ARC have been here. They are always amazing to see. It was very interesting to speak with the Falconers ... the birds' handlers & caregivers.

The Falconers adopt these birds, making them full-time members of their household. This is a significant commitment. For example... an African Augar who was there with her handler is now 14 years old and has a life expectancy of up to 35 years. Among the birds also visiting today was an Ornate Hawk-Eagle, a Harris's Hawk, and a Golden Eagle. Each of these particular birds have their back story as to why they are unable to be released into the wild. They've become 'ambassadors' for the ARC.

The Arizona Raptor Center has an educational mission. They do presentations at camps ... Scouts, hunting groups, & the like. They teach about the importance of birds of prey in maintaining a balanced eco-system & how to co-exist with raptors in different environments... urban, suburban, & rural.

One of the things they are also working to get across is the importance of using steel shot instead of lead shot when hunting. Lead poisoning is among the

health issues they see when caring for injured birds. The lead shot ends up in the water and in the food chain. Spent shot will be in the entrails that hunters sometimes leave behind when they've dressed their kill to pack out. Or birds & other wildlife that survive the hunt inadvertently eat the shot that 'missed its mark' & falls to the ground. They either die slowly from lead poisoning or quickly by a larger predator, which then ingests the lead that is in their prey's system. And so on.

ARC experts care for injured & sick birds with the primary goal to release them back to the wild. If you find an injured Raptor, call The Arizona Raptor Center at 602-549-8482. It is recommended that you make no attempt to capture, handle, or care for a raptor yourself. Some issues they see include broken wings, injuries from window strikes, dehydration, and West Nile Virus ~ which they get from mosquito bites. Donations to the ARC go toward the cost of food for the animals being rehabilitated and the cost for medical attention needed by the raptors in their care.

The ARC also tracks bird migrations, the progress of birds that they have released, and the affects of habitat loss on the population.

The efforts of the ARC impact our environment & therefore us, whether we realize it or not. Learn more about the Arizona Raptor Center at <http://www.arizonaraptorcenter.org>

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# Peace Out, Prostate Cancer Ride 2019

You might be asking ... why are we talking about this now ? ☺

Because ... The Peace Out, Prostate Cancer Ride is the first official ride of Arizona Bike Week. And THAT's gonna be here quicker than you think! ☺

Organizer Shelley Martin hosts this event each year in loving memory of her Dad James Martin and her Grandfather Louis Rivetts. They were both taken by prostate cancer. Shelley also hosts the Annual 'Bikers For Boobies' breast cancer awareness event that takes place in October.

The mission of the Peace Out, Prostate Cancer organization is to promote education, early detection, and awareness of prostate cancer. 2019 was this event's 7th year; taking place on Wednesday April 3rd. Sign-in was at Harley-Davidson of Scottsdale, located at 15656 N Scottsdale Road .

Registration included breakfast at HDoS. While there, 20 men got their PSA tests done. These blood tests are part of what this event raises money for; as screening & early detection are considered a key factor toward a successful outcome if diagnosed.

The self-paced trip was for 21-and-older riders. After departing from Harley-Davidson of Scottsdale, stops included Connolly's on Carefree Hwy in Phoenix, Arizona Natural Concepts Medical Marijuana Dispensary also on Carefree Hwy, Roadrunner Restaurant & Saloon in New River, and the Dirty Dogg Saloon on Scottsdale Road. Shelley share that there were 300 riders who participated PLUS more who supported the event in cars.

This day raised \$2,500 for the Prostate Cancer Awareness Project; the organization that covers the testing fees for men. PCAP pays to have men get their PSA levels tested 3 times a year via blood draw at Harley-Davidson of Scottsdale. A PSA test costs around \$35... meaning that this day helped pay for about 71 men to be tested. Very cool!

Shelley sent along thanks to their event supporters, "Harley-Davidson of Scottsdale, Connolly's Bar and Grill, AZ Natural Concepts, Roadrunner Bar and Grill, Dirty Dogg Saloon, Buddy Johnson, Chuck Franklin



Law, New Source, Arizona Bike Week, Everybody's Primary Care, and all of the people that support Peace Out, Prostate Cancer! We couldn't do it without them!!"

She also added, "We are breaking new ground - we are raising awareness on a larger scale and making a difference for all of our guys! We are provid-

ing FREE PSA tests (via blood draw) at Harley-Davidson of Scottsdale, at body-building shows, and at a few gyms. Last year we had our first 5k run/1 mile walk and we sold out!"

These are the dates for 2020!

The POPC 5k run/1 mile walk is coming up THIS month, on **Sat, Feb 22** and the POPC Ride will once again kick off Arizona Bike Week -- this year on **Wed, April 1st!**

These events are not only for a good cause but the organizers put their hearts into giving you a fun-filled day. Make your plans to attend ☺

Follow the Peace Out, Prostate Cancer organization on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/PeaceOutProstateCancer/> and learn more at <http://peaceoutprostatecancer.org/>

See more POPC-2019 pix at [https://www.facebook.com/shelley.rollen/media\\_set?set=a.10218755823383585](https://www.facebook.com/shelley.rollen/media_set?set=a.10218755823383585) and

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**Sundays 2020 { 2/16 }:** Superstition HOG Chapter Ride starts at Superstition H-D - 2910 W Apache Trail, Apache Junction, AZ. 85120. Come ride with our HOG Members. Meet at East Lot at 9:30a. Kickstands up at 10a. FMI: 480-346-0600, <https://www.facebook.com/superstitionchapter3774/>

**1st Sundays 2020 {3/1}:** Arizona Cycle Swap @ Big Surf Waterpark, 1500 N McClintock Dr. Tempe, 85281 from 8a-noon. \$5/pp @ gate, under 12 free. Free Parking. Buy, Sell, Swap. Rain or shine. Sponsors include Law Tigers. General &/or Vendor info: [www.arizonacycleswap.com/](http://www.arizonacycleswap.com/)

**Last Sundays thru May 2020.** Ride, Stretch, & Repeat w/Yoga Greg, YogiG will lead a short ride to a park or some other natural space for some breathing, quiet meditation, & 5 or 6 stretches while using our bikes as props ... things to help improve your riding experience! Kickstands up at 10:30am at Superstition Harley-Davidson 2910 W. Apache Trail Apache Junction, AZ 85120 FMI: 480-346-0600, [receptionist@superstitionhd.com](mailto:receptionist@superstitionhd.com), 808-640-4624, #MotorCyclingYogiG

**Tuesdays: February 18, 2020:** Two Wheel Tuesdays at Superstition Harley-Davidson. Ride in for a Free multi-point inspection. No appointment necessary. Done on the spot while you wait. SHD 2910 W. Apache Trail Apache Junction, AZ 85120 FMI: 480-346-0600, [receptionist@superstitionhd.com](mailto:receptionist@superstitionhd.com)

**Wednesdays in February:** Superstition HOG Chapter Ride. Departs Superstition HD - 2910 W Apache Trail, Apache Junction 85120. Ride with our HOG Members. Meet at East Lot 9:30a, ride @ 10am. FMI: 480-346-0600, <https://www.facebook.com/superstitionchapter3774/>

**2nd Wednesdays:** ABATE-AZ Yavapai Chapter meeting ~ 6pm at VFW Post 541, 202 N Arizona Ave, Prescott. FMI: 928-308-9911, [ycabateaz@gmail.com](mailto:ycabateaz@gmail.com)

**2nd & 4th Wednesdays [thru May 2020]:** Yoga for Bikers at 4:30p on the Eagles Nest Patio at Superstition Harley-Davidson. Find out how Yoga helps bikers ride on. Bring a yoga mat if you have one. No other equipment or specialized clothing is required. In fact, if you prefer to stay in jeans & boots rather than go barefoot, that's ok. This is not an exercise class, but an introduction to yoga with basic poses as part of the experience. SHD 2910 West Apache Trail Apache Junction, AZ 85120 FMI: 480-346-0600, [receptionist@superstitionhd.com](mailto:receptionist@superstitionhd.com) 808-640-4624 #MotorCyclingYogiG

**4th Wednesdays thru 3-25-2020:** San Tan Loners MC Bike Night from 6-9pm at the Ironwood Pub & Grub (480-987-3004) 40975 N Ironwood Rd #b108. Fun times and cold beers. FMI: [dennissuida@yahoo.com](mailto:dennissuida@yahoo.com)

**1st Fridays {September – June} Ride With The Dealer to Motorcycles on Main for Bike Night!** Meet on the west lot of Superstition Harley Davidson. Kickstands up at 6:15pm. SHD 2910 W. Apache Trail Apache Junction, AZ 85120 FMI: 480-346-0600, [receptionist@superstitionhd.com](mailto:receptionist@superstitionhd.com)

For MC bike night listings, visit <http://www.azcmc.org/calendar>

**2/7 {Fri} Motorcycles on Main Bike Night in Downtown Mesa from 6-10pm.** Music by Vintage Rocket. Beer Garden, vendors, & more. Park & show your bike. Eateries open. Every first Friday between September & June. Vendors call Courtney 480-890-2613 <https://facebook.com/MotorcyclesOnMain>

**2/8 {Sat} Activities at Superstition Harley-Davidson:** 9 - 10:30am Free Breakfast & Meet The Chrome Angels; Noon-3pm Chili & Salsa Showdown. \$10 Entry Fee benefits Sons of American Legion #27. SHD 2910 W. Apache Trail Apache Junction, 85120 FMI: 480-346-0600, [receptionist@superstitionhd.com](mailto:receptionist@superstitionhd.com), <http://superstitionhd.com>, <https://www.facebook.com/pg/SuperstitionHD/events/>

**2/8 {Sat} Whiskey Runners 2020 Chili Cookoff** Tin Top Bar & Grill in Tonopah, AZ. FMI: <https://facebook.com/events/s/whiskey-runners-2020-chili-coo/2708681185913510/?ti=icl>

**2/8 Car & Motorcycle Show fundraiser for Naval ROTC Unit of Apache Junction High School at AJHS.** Details TBA. FMI: 480-797-7042, 480-682-8083

**2/14-16 {Fr-Sun} Rockabilly Reunion Lake Havasu City.** Motorcycle portion of show hosted by Soldiers For Jesus MC - LHC. <http://www.lakehavasurockabillyreunion.com/>

**2/15 {Sat} Activities at Superstition Harley-Davidson:** 10am HOG Chapter Meeting, 10a-1pm Bitchin' Stitchin', 11a HOG Dogs 'til gone. SHD 2910 W. Apache Trail Apache Junction, 85120 FMI: 480-346-0600, [receptionist@superstitionhd.com](mailto:receptionist@superstitionhd.com), <http://superstitionhd.com>, <https://www.facebook.com/pg/SuperstitionHD/events/>

**2/15 Chili Cookoff at Cowpony Bar, Tucson – 6510 E Tanque Verde Rd.** In honor of Brother 'G' & to help Brother 'Boola' with recovery expenses. Boola was seriously injured in an accident recently. The money raised will go towards helping him with expenses not covered by insurance and let him focus on a full recovery. Cooks plz have chili at the Pony by 3pm. Tasting starts 4pm. \$5/tasting cups. Music, raffles. FMI: Greg 520-400-6177

**2/19 {Wed} Motorcycle Day at the Dome 9a–1:30pm at Arizona State Capitol, 1700 W Washington, Phoenix, Arizona 85007.** Speak to your legislators about motorcycle issues. Lunch on the lawn. Sponsors include ABATE-AZ. FMI: [lobbyist@abateofaz.org](mailto:lobbyist@abateofaz.org), 602.456.BIKE

**2/22 {Sat} MMA-AZ's 27th Annual Freedom Beach Party.** Noon-5pm @ Jake's Corner Bar, Payson. \$15/sgl, \$25/cpl includes lunch to first 100 sign-ins. Music by The Fallen. People games, ugliest Hawaiian shirt contest, hula contest & more. FMI: [BeccaHolyoakWoodvine@live.com](mailto:BeccaHolyoakWoodvine@live.com) or <http://mma-az.org>

**2/29 {Sat} Motors, Manes, & Miracles at Superstition Harley-Davidson 9a-4pm** benefits Manes & Miracles AZ <https://manesandmiraclesaz.org/> SHD 2910 W. Apache Trail Apache Junction, 85120 FMI: 480-346-0600, [receptionist@superstitionhd.com](mailto:receptionist@superstitionhd.com), <http://superstitionhd.com>, <https://www.facebook.com/pg/SuperstitionHD/events/>

**3/6 {Fri} Motorcycles on Main Bike Night in Downtown Mesa from 6-10pm.** Live Music, Beer Garden, vendors, & more. Park & show your bike. Eateries open. Every first Friday between September & June. Vendors call Courtney 480-890-2613 <https://facebook.com/MotorcyclesOnMain>

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3/7 {Sat} 5th Anniversary Hooked on Healing Veterans Ride. Sign in 8:30am at Desert Wind HD – 922 S Country Club Dr. Mesa, AZ 85210. Benefits Phoenix Project Healing Waters Fly Fishing! Day starts & ends @ DWHD; includes b'fast, ride to Saguaro Lake, lunch, entertainment, & great raffles. FMI: <https://facebook.com/events/428137101116231/>

3/14 {Sat} Lost Dutchman MC Gold Rush. 9a-5pm. Details TBA. FMI: [dffd\\_mesa@yahoo.com](mailto:dffd_mesa@yahoo.com)

3/21 {Sat} 'Finish The Ride' with Ernie Lizarraga; remembering the fallen Carefree Four & marking the 10th Anniversary of AZ's worst motorcycle wreck 3-25-2010. Meet at the QT gas station @ NE corner of Union Hills & Cave Creek Roads. KSU 10:40am.

3/28 {{Sat} Tillman's Ride 2020, hosted by ALR of Post 117. Sign-in 9-11am at Desert Wind Harley Davidson in Mesa. \$20/sgl, \$30/2-up. Last stop party with live music & raffle prizes at Buffalo Chip in Cave Creek. FMI: [Tillmansride@gmail.com](mailto:Tillmansride@gmail.com), <https://www.facebook.com/TillmansRide/>

3/29 {Sun} Motorcycle Swap Meet in Tucson, @ Fraternal Order of Eagles, 1530 N Stone Ave. Buy, Sell, Trade. Spaces: 10x20=\$20, 10x30=\$30. Vendors wanted. Motorcycle parts, accessories, & related items, jewelry & apparel. FMI: Mary 520-300-1496. Call or text to reserve space.

**4/1-5, 2020 Arizona Bike Week** <http://www.azbikeweek.com/>

**4/1 {Wed} ABW's Peace Out Prostate Cancer Ride.** FMI: <http://peaceoutprostatecancer.org/> | <https://www.facebook.com/PeaceOutProstateCancer/>

**4/3 {Fri} Motorcycles on Main Bike Night in Downtown Mesa from 6-10pm.** Live Music, Beer Garden, vendors, & more. Park & show your bike. Eateries open. Every first Friday between September & June. Vendors call Courtney 480-890-2613 <https://facebook.com/MotorcyclesOnMain>

4/18 {Sat} Ride for the Cure presented by Justin's Journey and Desert Wind Harley-Davidson benefiting St Jude Children's Cancer Research Hospital. Registration and free breakfast start at 8AM. Self guided poker run ends in Cave Creek. Single rider \$15, 2-up \$25. FMI: [Justins.journey2020@gmail.com](mailto:Justins.journey2020@gmail.com)

**5/1 {Fri} Motorcycles on Main Bike Night in Downtown Mesa from 6-10pm.** Live Music, Beer Garden, vendors, & more. Park & show your bike. Eateries open. Every first Friday between September & June. Vendors call Courtney 480-890-2613 <https://facebook.com/MotorcyclesOnMain>

6/5 {Fri} Motorcycles on Main Bike Night in Downtown Mesa from 6-10pm. LAST one before summer break! Live Music, Beer Garden, vendors, & more. Park & show your bike. Eateries open. Every first Friday between September & June. Vendors call Courtney 480-890-2613 <https://facebook.com/MotorcyclesOnMain>

6/11-14 {Th-Sun} Too Broke For Sturgis hosted by ABATE of AZ at Mormon Lake Lodge. FMI: <https://www.facebook.com/Toobrokeforsturgis/>

9/4 {Fri} Motorcycles on Main Bike Night in Downtown Mesa from 6-10pm. BACK from summer break! Live Music, Beer Garden, vendors, & more. Park & show your bike. Eateries open. Every first Friday between September & June. Vendors call Courtney 480-890-2613 <https://facebook.com/MotorcyclesOnMain>

9/26 3rd Annual Pony Express Run hosted by CMVA 32-1 {Combat Veterans Motorcycle Association}. Details TBA. FMI: Ken Hickins - 623 234-9294, [hickinskd@yahoo.com](mailto:hickinskd@yahoo.com)

10/2 {Fri} Motorcycles on Main Bike Night in Downtown Mesa from 6-10pm. Live Music, Beer Garden, vendors, & more. Park & show your bike. Eateries open. Every first Friday between September & June. Vendors call Courtney 480-890-2613 <https://facebook.com/MotorcyclesOnMain>

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